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REF: (A) STATE 205309; (B) OTTAWA 2507; (C) STATE 207869;
(D) CALGARY 365

1. TCO MET OCTOBER 25 WITH VON BAEYER WHO ALSO INDICATED WILLINGNESS CONTEMPLATE US-CANADA CONSULTATIONS IN THIS FIELD BUT WAS NOT SURE HOW THIS MIGHT BE BEST ORGANIZED. INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE, HE INDICATED, HAS RECENTLY ESTABLISHED INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS WORKING GROUP WHICH IS NOT REPEAT NOT FUNCTIONING WELL. EXTAFF EXPECTED TO BE LEAD AGENCY, BUT ITS PLACE IN GOC PECKING ORDER NOT YET FULLY ESTABLISHED. EMBASSY WILL DISCUSS QUESTION FURTHER WITH EXTAFF (ARNOULD) HOPEFULLY NEXT WEEK.

2. QUESTION OF DIRECTIVES TO OIL COMPANIES (REFS C AND D) BRIEFLY DISCUSSED WITH VON BAEYER WHO INDICATED LEGAL BASIS OF GOC ACTION LIES IN EXPLORATION PERMITS ISSUED TO COMPANIES. THESE REQUIRE CERTAIN PROPORTION OF EXPENDITURES IN CANADA AND TO ACCOUNT FOR THESE TO GOC. NEW POSITION IS THAT EXPENDITURES FOR DATA PROCESSING AND RELATED ACTIVITIES
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EXPENDITURES. SOURCE ALSO CALLED ATTENTION LEAD ARTICLE THIS TOPIC IN JULY OR AUGUST ISSUE CANADIAN DATA SYSTEMS, TWO COPIES OF WHICH ARE SENT UNDER CERP TO DEPT OF COMMERCE.

3. VON BAEYER ALSO INDICATED GOC ATTEMPT ACTIVELY UNDERWAY DEVELOP SUITABLE TARIFFS FOR IMPORTED COMPUTER PROGRAMS AND PERHAPS DATA ELECTRONICALLY TRANSMITTED. SUCH TARIFFS WOULD BE BASED ON RECOGNITION OF INFORMATION AS A COMMODITY IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE. THIS CONCEPT, HE INDICATED, WAS ACTIVELY DISCUSSED LAST WEEK'S COMMERCE DEPARTMENT "TELECOMMUNICATIONS FOR GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE" AT BOULDER.

4. EMBASSY IS FORWARDING TO EB/TT/TD (HUFFCUTT) COPIES OF (A) PAPER OUTLINING INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE STRUCTURE AND TERMS OF REFERENCE; (B) PAPER PRESENTED BY VON BAEYER AT BOULDER.

5. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE RE SITUATION DESCRIBED CALGARY 365. WE WILL FORWARD TO HUFFCUTT COPIES OF LETTERS MENTIONED PARA 7 WHEN RECEIVED HERE.
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